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**A RESOLUTION BY
COUNCILMEMBER "ABLE" MABLE THOMAS**

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**A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE INTENT OF THE
ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL. AND THE TAXPAYING
VOTERS IN AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF
\$26 MILLION FOR PLAZAS AND GREENSPACE IN
THE YEAR 2000 QUALITY OF LIFE, BOND
REFERENDUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the urban design hallmark of great cities throughout the world is a system of beautifully landscaped public plazas unit squares with ornamental fountains; and

WHEREAS, as the functional hallmark of great cities throughout the world is a system of beautifully landscaped public plazas and squares which accommodate public festivals, outdoor performing arts and recreational activities including but not limited to hand performances for dancing and playscapes for children of all ages, including space leased out for carousels and ferris wheels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta aspires to be second to none in world class urban design, and

WHEREAS, in the fall of the year 2000, taxpayers of the City of Atlanta approved a Quality of Life Bond Referendum for the sum of over \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, this bond referendum included over \$26 million for Public Plazas and Greenspace; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers are currently or in the near future will receive tax billings designed to repay principal and interest on these bonds,

WHEREAS, this allocation of \$26 million was divided into two separate project lists, one for Greenspace enhancements of nearly \$15 million and one for plazas in ten (10) Livable Communities/Activity Centers of over \$11 million; and

WHEREAS, during the years 2001 and 2002, the City of Atlanta Department of Planning and Neighborhood Conservation is currently or will in the future conduct planning and site design/site plan review to implement the Livable Communities/Activity Center projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA THAT:

1. The intent of the Atlanta City Council and the taxpaying voters in authorizing the investment of \$26 million for Plazas and Greenspace is to produce a site plan for each Livable Community/Activity Center which contains a minimum of one publicly owned plaza of a minimum of 2 to 5 acres for the purposes of public recreation, assembly, entertainment and other uses customary to public plazas world wide;
2. While the referenced site plans are at the initial conceptual stages, the Bureau of Planning shall demonstrate compliance with this intent to the satisfaction of those NPU's containing or impacted by the sites of Livable Communities/Activity Center projects;
3. While the referenced site plans are at the initial conceptual stages the Bureau of Planning shall demonstrate compliance with this intent to the satisfaction of the Atlanta City Council, including the Community Development/Human Resources Committee and Councilmembers representing the districts containing or impacted by the sites of Livable Communities/Activity Center projects;